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SUBJECT: SNAG IN IMPORT OF USED HELICOPTERS

1. EMBOFF WAS VISITED FEBRUARY 13 BY MR. TEIJIRO UKITA, GEN SALES MANAGER OF NIPPON HELICOPTER SERVICE, TOKYO, REGARDING SNAG ENCOUNTERED IN PURCHASE AND IMPORT OF FIVE USED BELL 4765 HELICOPTER.

2. ACCORDING UKITA, FIRM ACTING AS BROKER IN DEAL IS TPS AVIATION INC. (GEORGE KUKIRAOKA, PRESIDENT), 381 BEACH ROAD, BURLINGAME, CALIFORNIA 94010 (TEL. (415) 342-7264). HELICOPTERS ARE BEING SUPPLIED BY AIRCRAFT AND HELICOPTER SUPPLIERS INC. (GEORGE LAM, PRES; JESSE JAMES, SERVICE MANAGER), 11641 PENDLETON ST., SUN VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, TEL. 877-0646.

3. TO OPERATE AIRCRAFT (PURPOSE: AGRICULTURAL DUSTING) IN JAPAN, NIPPON HELICOPTER MUST FIRST OBTAIN AIRWORTHINESS CERTIFICATE FOR EACH HELICOPTER FROM JAPAN CIVIL AVIATION BUREAU (JCAB). HOWEVER, TPS AND/OR AIRCRAFT AND HELICOPTER SUPPLIES HAVE NOT FORWARDED NEEDED DOCUMENTS, E.G., MICROFILM OF MODEL MANUAL, MAINTENANCE AND OVERHAUL MANUALS, AND BOTH FIRMS APPEAR TO BE IGNORING UKITA'S QUERY AS TO WHY DOCUMENTS HELD UP. UKITA UNDER IMPRESSION THAT ORIGINAL MANUFACTURERS, BELL IN FT. WORTH, TEXAS (JAMES ATKINS, PRES) TEL: (817) 280-2011 HOLDING UP RELEASE DOCUMENTATION BUT THIS SEEMS UNLIKELY TO US.

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4. WOULD APPRECIATE USDOC, WITH ASSISTANCE LA,
SAN FRANCISCO AND DALLAS FIELD OFFICES AS APPROPRIATE,
ATTEMPTING SECURE PROMPT FORWARDING OF REQUIRED
DOCUMENTATION. VALUE OF TRANSACTION PEGGED AT \$350,000.
PLEASE INFORM US YOUR RESULTS SOONEST SO THAT
WE CAN ALSO REPLY NIPPON HELICOPTER.
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